



SALT LAKE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Media Advisory

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FIRE BAN - MEDIA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The fire danger in Salt Lake County has continued to increase over the last few years due to extreme weather conditions, low water reserve, as well as the ongoing disease of vegetation. The reality of another dry and dangerous fire season is already here.

By the executive order of Salt Lake County Mayor Nancy Workman, and in cooperation with each of the contract cities for which Salt Lake County Fire provides service, fire restrictions (to include the prohibition of open fires, the use of fireworks, and smoking outside of vehicles - see second page for details) shall be strictly enforced in the following areas:

East of Wasatch Boulevard

South and West of U-111 (Approximately 8400 West)

Riverton City: West of 3600 West, and South of 13400 South

Herriman City: Complete Ban within City Limits

Holladay City: Complete Ban within City Limits

**Draper City: City Ordinance #486 - West of I-15, South of 13800 South,
and East of Highland Drive**

Alta: Complete Ban within City Limits

Media Conference

Please join us as Mayor Workman and Chief Berry (along with other city officials from the contract cities) explain the necessity of this ban, illustrate with a **live fire demonstration** (with the assistance of firefighters and Ken Lantis of *Lantis Fireworks*), and further outline the important reasons why community members across the valley should rally together in support of this decision.

June 19th, 2003

1:30 PM

***Magna Fire Training Facility
3950 South 8000 West***

Fire Ban Details

Open Fires:

Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind outside of approved fire pits and grills provided for in improved campgrounds, picnic areas, and permanently improved places of habitation is prohibited. With caution, devices fueled by petroleum or LPG products are allowed in all locations thus far, but may be banned in the near future pending progressive summer conditions.

Fireworks:

Discharging, or using any kind of firework, tracer ammunition, or other incendiary devices in any location listed previously (including federal, state, and unincorporated private lands) is prohibited.

Smoking:

Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, a developed recreation site, or within a three foot in diameter area barren or cleared to mineral soil and free of natural vegetation.

Fireworks Safety-Tip Reminders

The use of legal fireworks is permitted in non-restricted areas three days before and three days after each of the celebrated holidays in July (the 4th and 24th). The following are a few safety reminders:

1. Adults should always be present. Never give fireworks to small children.
2. Read and follow label directions.
3. Buy from a reputable dealer. Never attempt to create your own fireworks.
4. Use in the outdoors only. Never light any type of firework indoors.
5. Keep a bucket of water and a garden hose ready for use.
6. Light only one firework at a time.
7. Be safe: wear eye protection and never throw fireworks at another individual.
8. Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water first, and then placing them in the trash can.
9. Never attempt to relight a "dud." Wait 15 to 20 minutes before placing the firework in water.